

*"We cannot always build
the future for our youth,
but we can build
our youth for the future."*

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Cincinnati **Recreation** Commission



2007 Youth Activities

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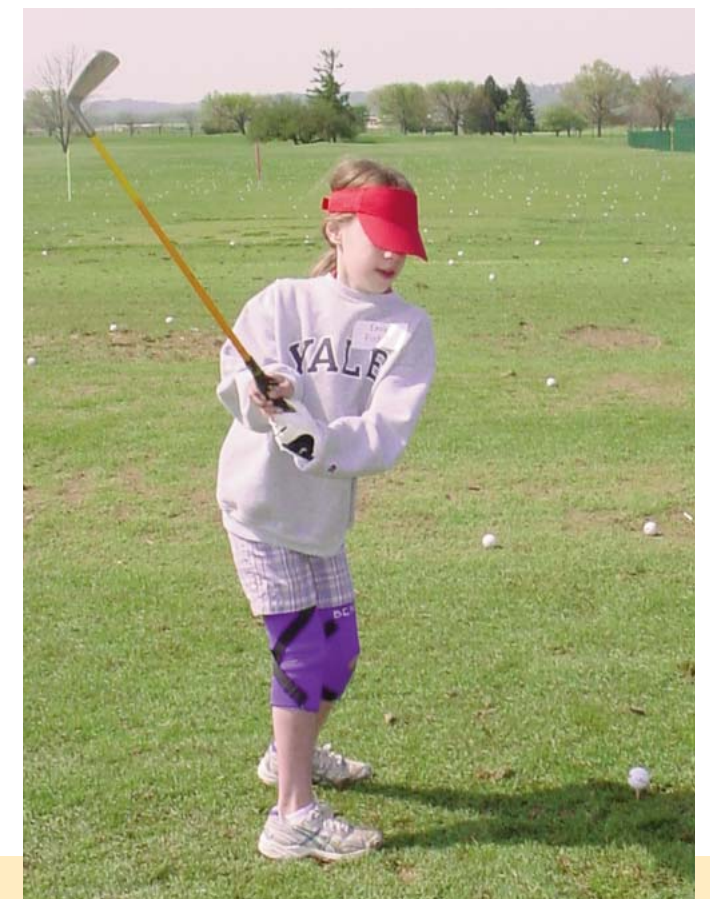
to the people of Cincinnati
for your loyal support and participation.



The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing recreational and cultural activities for all people in our neighborhoods and the whole community. We believe that by enhancing people's personal health and wellness, we strengthen and enrich the lives of our citizens and build a spirit of community in our City.

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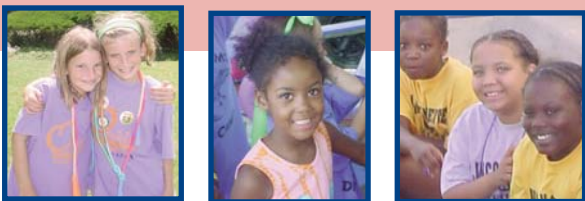
"Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give."
-1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



2007 CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

¡feliz cumpleaños!
Feliz dies natalis
happy birthday
Feliz cumpleaños!
Selamatuang tahun

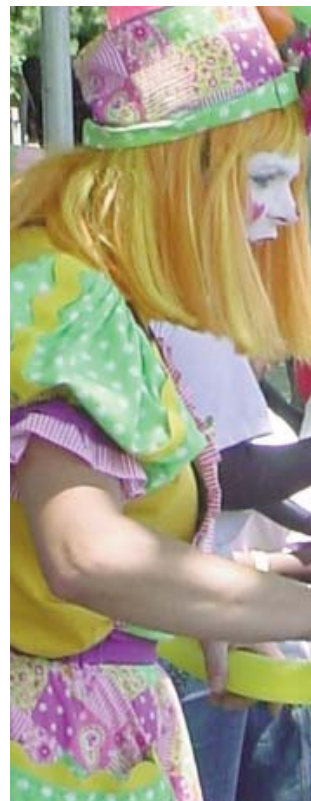
Happy Birthday, CRC! In 2007, we were not sheepish about telling our age and we proclaimed from the rooftops that **WE ARE 80 YEARS OLD!**



If we were in Indonesia, we'd say *Selamat uang tahun*. If we were speaking Latin, we'd exclaim *Feliz dies natalis*. In Spain, we'd celebrate our anniversary by saying *¡feliz cumpleaños!* In Cincinnati, CRC includes everyone, so we will say *happy birthday* however it counts.

The importance of the Recreation Commission can be realized by visualizing what the city would be like without it. Imagine...no public ballfields for youth to play organized sports; no neighborhood swimming pools to provide families with summer cool spots; youth with disabilities being cut off from the mainstream. It's not a pretty picture. Luckily, that's not the picture we see today because we have CRC.

In 1927 (80 years ago), gas prices were \$.15 per gallon, a loaf of bread cost only \$1 and a Cincinnati could buy a gallon of milk for less than \$.60! Things have changed, but CRC's pledge to Cincinnati has not - we pledge to provide quality recreational opportunities to all, regardless of age, race or ability.



27 recreation centers
112 playgrounds

Youth and Teens

4,746 Youth recreation center memberships sold

465,835 At CRC recreation centers:
 youth program participants
 12,123 preschoolers

589,130 All CRC programs:
 youth program participants
 45,803 preschoolers

134,537 youth participated in **5,459**
 after-school day camp programs

2,395 Teen recreation center memberships sold

195,016 teens participated in CRC programs
 at all CRC Recreation Centers

256,100 teens participated in CRC programs
 at all CRC facilities

70% of CRC Recreation Centers offered teen camps

247 teens were enrolled in **19**
 summer teen camps throughout the City

Youth CRC BY THE NUMBERS

CRC Free Programs *

23,272 programs for youth and teens offered at
 CRC recreation centers

27,473 programs for youth and teens offered at
 all CRC facilities

423,208 youth and teens participated in
 free programs at CRC centers

581,207 youth and teens participated in
 free programs at all CRC facilities

Preschool ages 3-5

Youth ages 6-12

Teen ages 13-18

* membership required

CRC POOL TRAINING BY THE NUMBERS

2007 Aquatic Statistics

Lifeguard Training

9 classes // 69 certified

Stroke Clinics

15 2-week sessions // 51 participants

ARC Regional Lifeguard Competition

57 CRC teams // 228 competitors

Water Safety

26 instructors // 64 classes // 11,638 participants

2007 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH



Each year, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission appoints one teen to serve as the CRC Youth Commissioner. Tinisha Brewer served as CRC's 2007 Youth Commissioner and was an advocate for the diverse group of youth who regularly use CRC facilities. While serving, her role included:

- Attending and facilitating CRC Teen Advisory Committee meetings
- Planning and conducting citywide teen socials
- Attending CRC Commission meetings
- Representing CRC at various citywide events



CRC invited teens from all recreation centers to participate in the Teen Advisory Committee. At these meetings, CRC staff and teen participants discussed teen programs, plan upcoming citywide teen socials and discuss current teen issues.

- Twenty-five (25) teens had their say at a January, 2007 teen focus group at CRC's Dunham Recreation Center
- Ten (10) CRC teens joined seven (7) CRC senior citizens for dance lessons and socializing at the Mt. Washington Recreation Center on July 12

Youth EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH



The Recreation Employment Corps addresses critical employability issues with youth in our community. Interview and workplace communication workshops provide participants with on-the-job training through an internship program. The program has been in operation since the summer of 2001 and has employed 247 youth to date.

- 30 teens benefited from REC in 2007
- Presented in cooperation with Smart Money Community Services, The Easter Seals Work Resource Center and The Youth Zone.



The Green Team program provides entry-level training for young adults in the CRC Outdoor Maintenance Division. Each Green Team group is paired with an experienced CRC employee who serves as a mentor and teacher. Green Team employees assist in the following work activities: litter control, landscaping, general clean-up at CRC facilities and playgrounds, painting, playground repair, grass cutting (over-18 only), ball field and pool maintenance, fencing installation and repair.

- Employed 30 youth ages 16 to 24 in 2007
- Completed sixth year of operation, 230 youth employed to date



The Guard Start Learn and Earn program builds a foundation of aquatics knowledge, attitudes and skills for youth ages 11-14. With these skills, youth have the opportunity to become lifeguards at age 15. Participants receive instruction in accident prevention, fitness, emergency response, leadership, professionalism, customer service and swimming skill development.

- Provided growth opportunities for 221 youth at 26 pools
- This program was presented in cooperation with the American Red Cross
- 191 participants in the 3rd annual Guard Start Junior Lifeguard Competition





All 27 Cincinnati Recreation Commission centers offer daily programs for youth ages 6-17 years. Program offerings include after-school camps, summer day camps, teen camps, athletics, art programs, outdoor education, cultural opportunities, special events and much more!



After-school and summer day camps at CRC recreation centers are offered for children ages 6-12 during the summer and scheduled school breaks. CRC camps provide working parents a safe and nurturing environment for their children. All children enjoy a wide variety of recreation opportunities such as swimming, arts & crafts, sports and games, field trips and special events. Each camp works closely with CRC's Therapeutics Division to ensure inclusion of all participants with disabilities.

Teens (ages 12-18) have a place of their own at CRC recreation centers. Many summer day camps have a teen component designed just for them. A number of CRC centers are equipped with teen rooms and have 2 or more internet-accessible computers, a big-screen TV, a sound system, video and other games as well as study areas.



CRC Teen Socials brought more than 150 youth together from across the City for fun and interactive summer and fall social events.

- Nineteen (19) teens partied at Pleasant Ridge Pool at an August teen pool party
- Forty-nine (49) teens rooted for the home team at an August Cincinnati Reds game
- Forty (40) teens enjoyed the October inclusion/teen rafting trip



2007 NEW YOUTH PROGRAMS IN 2007



This program provides free snacks to children ages 5-18 at CRC recreation centers. CRC served free snacks to 1,500 children per day at 24 recreation centers, for a total of 11,219 well-fed children.



Youth from CRC recreation centers created 42 double-bed sized sheets which were dyed, painted and sewn. The content of each panel reflected the neighborhood in which the center was located. A group of local artists then assembled the pieces into a 24'x38' Community Quilt which now hangs in the Duke Energy Convention Center in downtown Cincinnati.

JUNIOR COUNSELOR

This CRC program provides first-time employment for 30 junior counselors age 14. Upon completing the program, these youth have the opportunity to interview for a Recreation Employment Corps position at age 15.

- Thirty (30) teens participated in the 10-week summer Jr. Counselor session
- Teens attended a new employee orientation and Skills-for-Working-with Young-People training sessions



The Cincinnati Recreation Commission was proud to welcome Kate Sturman Gorman as an artist in residence and leader of the appliquéd quilt project. This project enabled CRC to assist schools and recreation centers and offer creative outlets for young people.

Exchange students from Otto Hahn Gymnasium attended an all-day quilting/fusible art workshop. Eighth (8th) graders from Nativity School conducted interviews with the quilters which were then displayed next to the quilts at the final exhibit.



The Cricket Succeed and Play Sports Camp is a 4-week program that provides youth entering 5th through 8th grades an athletic way to spend their summer days. Daily sessions of basketball, baseball, flag football, volleyball and soccer boost teamwork, self-esteem and leadership. This sports camp is made possible through CRC partnerships with Cricket Communications, Cincinnati Public Schools, and Cincy After-School.

- 45 youth enrolled in camp
- Free lunch provided each day by CPS
- Youth received basketballs, water bottles and a final pizza party at the end of camp

SUMMER OUTREACH FESTIVALS

Cincinnati Recreation Commission's summer outreach festivals built rapport between police and neighborhood residents while increasing awareness of available neighborhood services. Summer outreach festivals were provided in partnership with the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, Cincinnati Police Department, Cincinnati Fire Department, various Community Councils and community groups.

- 3 festivals were held at Millvale Recreation Center, Over the Rhine's Washington Park and Avondale's Hirsch Recreation Center.
- Total attendance for all festivals was approximately 3,400

DAZZLE DAYS



Dazzle Days provided free holiday art activities and games to 4,000 youth and their parents at Downtown Cincinnati's Tower Place Mall.

KIDS' FEST



2007 Kids' Fest served approximately 50,000 people during the festival's two summer days. Fun activities, entertainment and useful information about Cincinnati's youth services was presented to all.

HERSHEY TRACK AND FIELD MEET



The summer Hershey Track and Field meet took place at Taft High School and had 450 youth participants who strutted their stuff in the sun.

DAY CAMP DAZE



Day Camp DAZE featured Frisch's Marionette performance of "The World on a String" and provided free performances for 900+ CRC youth. Day Camp Daze is presented by the Showboat Majestic.

Youth SPECIAL EVENTS

80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY



CRC's 80th birthday party was celebrated at Sawyer Point on July 20th with free games, entertainment and giveaways. 2900+ people celebrated with CRC at the party.



2007 THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAMS

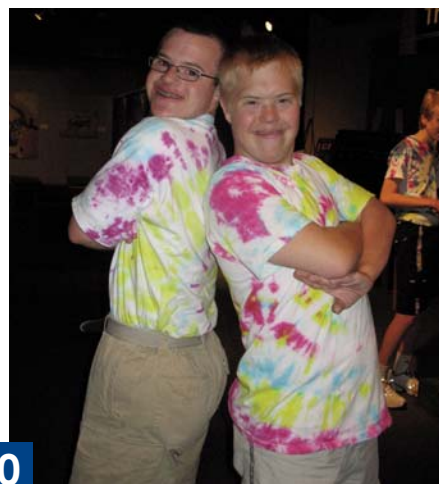


The programs offered by CRC's Therapeutic Recreation Division meet the needs and interests of individuals with mental, physical, learning and emotional disabilities. Individuals with disabilities are invited to participate in any CRC program. CRC is recognized as an advocate for the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all recreational programs.

Adapted sports opportunities included basketball, baseball, bowling, tennis and swimming. These CRC adapted sports attracted 150 individuals and were presented in cooperation with BlazeSports America. More than 100 children with disabilities participated in CRC daycamp programs.

Children developed an understanding of others with disabilities through 28 Disability Awareness Programs.

CRC's Therapeutics programs are grateful to partner with CITE, Special Olympics, and Reds Community Fund, as well as other community groups. The generosity of the Cincinnati community equaled \$20,000+ in 2007 donations.



Youth ATHLETIC PROGRAMS



Reds Rookie Success League is a six-week non-competitive, character-building summer baseball league, targeting inner-city youth ages 8-11. The program emphasizes important life lessons in addition to baseball fundamentals. The Success League's mission is to teach children how to "be a successful person first." CRC partners with the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund to present this program each year.

- 685 youth registered and participated
- 103 coaches, many of them volunteers, taught youth about the game of baseball
- Health, vision and dental screenings for participants provided by Tri-Health professionals
- Reds provided on-site certified athletic trainers at practices and games as well as equipment and daily refreshments
- Free lunches provided through the Summer Lunch Program



Cincinnati Recreation Commission's National Junior Tennis League introduces the sport of tennis to youth who might not otherwise know about tennis racquets, balls and courts. For eight (8) weeks during the summer, youth and tennis instructors meet daily to cover the courts.

- Served 400 youth, ages 8 to 14
- Held at 12 CRC sites throughout the City
- Community generosity and donations provided equipment, transportation, instructors, t-shirts, admissions to the Tennis Masters Series and an end-of-program fun day at the Beach Water park



The NFL Youth Flag Football program teaches Cincinnati youth the fundamentals of football. Seasonal leagues engage both boys and girls as they learn teamwork and good sportsmanship while developing fitness skills.

- In 2007, conducted six (6) leagues with 65 teams
- 1175 boys and girls participated in the leagues



Get Real, Get Fit is a nutrition and fitness program that educates youth about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. Since its 2005 inception, this CRC program has educated more than 350 at-risk youth. Youth ages 11-18 in this year's program designed a weekly walking schedule, used pedometers and charted their progress. In addition to the program's exercise component, the teens participated in activities designed to develop healthy eating habits. CRC is proud to offer this program in partnership with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) - Division of Adolescent Medicine.

- 30 youth registered and participated
- Offered interactive, small-group sessions focused on increasing skills in accurately reading nutrition labels along with understanding the importance of movement and healthy snacking

2007 GOLF PROGRAMS



CRC Golf Courses provide instructional opportunities for youth through our junior golf clinics, youth golf programs, league play and tournaments held at our seven (7) courses: Avon Fields, California, Dunham, Glenview, Neumann, Reeves and Woodland. CRC golf courses are professionally operated by Billy Casper Golf.

- Held 16 junior golf clinics in 2007 serving 431 youth
- 126 youth participated in the Junior Club Championships and 170 youth participated in the City Junior Open
- Junior golfers played 13,107 rounds in 2007

The First Tee is a World Golf Foundation initiative dedicated to providing young people an opportunity to develop life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity and sportsmanship while learning the game of golf. The intent is to offer opportunities for improvement in quality of life and create an outlet for children to increase their potential for success.

- 143 participants in 2007
- Offered to youth ages 8-18 with particular outreach to at-risk children in Cincinnati communities



Tony Yates Golf Academy provides an introduction to golf and offers children the opportunity to come together in a recreational setting. Through the learning of golf fundamentals, youth are able to interact and accumulate positive social skills necessary to succeed in life. Participants range in age from 8-17 years.

- Served 204 youth in 2007
- 18 instruction sessions offered for two summer months

Youth AQUATIC PROGRAMS



Cincinnati Recreation Commission's Aquatic Division provides fun, safe and quality aquatic

programs and activities for all Cincinnati youth. CRC operates 39 aquatic facilities (23 deep water pools, 10 shallow water outdoor pools, four (4) indoor pools, one (1) spray ground and one (1) wading fountain). During summer weeks, CRC's aquatic facilities provide 20+ hours of open swim and programming opportunities for youth.

- 1700 participants on CRC swim teams and in swim lessons
- 23 Kroger Family Fun Days were held in 20 Cincinnati neighborhoods, providing cool swimming and fun for 6,560 people



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Summer Lunch Program provides free and nutritious lunches for youth at specified CRC recreation centers and swimming pools. CRC's free summer lunch may be the most nutritious meal the kids get all day!

- Provided free lunches at 13 centers and 26 CRC pools
- 68,748 lunches served at CRC sites in 2007, a 3% increase from 2006
- Provided 4,462 free breakfasts at 4 sites
- 73,210 total meals served in the summer of 2007



2007 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAMS



This introductory scuba program is offered in partnership with SCUBA Unlimited and offers diving and snorkeling instruction in CRC's deep-water pools. 1,250+ youth have been introduced to the sport of scuba through this program during the past years.

- 250 teens received scuba and snorkeling instruction
- Introduced a therapeutic day for teens with disabilities in 2007



2007 was the 11th anniversary of the RiverTrek journey of self discovery that brings teens together from diverse backgrounds. RiverTrekks learn camping, canoeing, kayaking, leadership and teamwork skills on this 75-mile trip along the Scenic Little Miami River.

- July 30 - August 3, 19 teens ages 13 to 17 trekked 5 days and 4 nights
- Senior citizen clubs from Kennedy Heights, Mt. Washington and Oakley Recreation Centers cooked and ate meals with RiverTrek youth



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Youth OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAMS



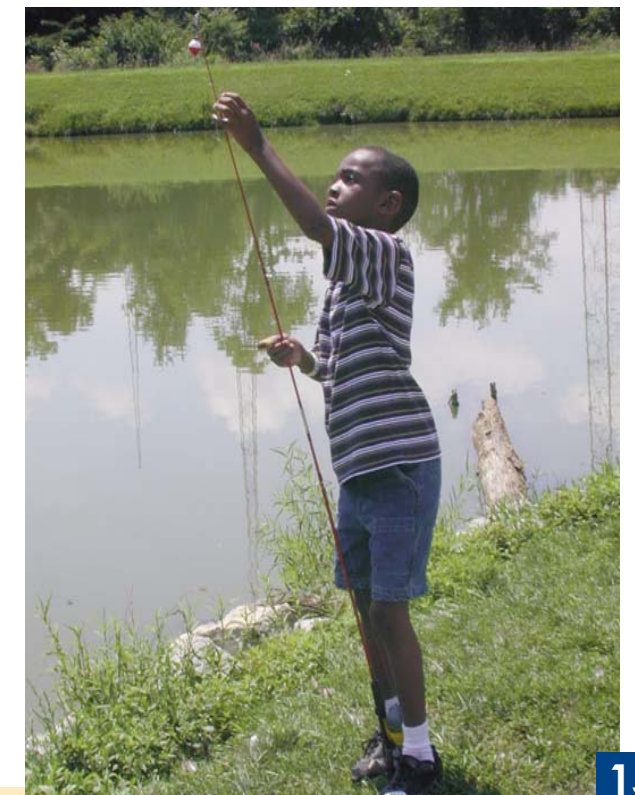
Each year, CRC brings youth participants to learn about the outdoors at Adventure Outpost at Winton Woods. This resident camping program provides a safe, enjoyable camping experience for youth. During their stay at Adventure Outpost, youth build teamwork and leadership skills. CRC is grateful for the partnership with Hamilton County Parks which makes this program possible.

- 27 CRC groups used the camping facility with a total of 787 participants
- Youth participate in a variety of outdoor activities including: ropes courses, bicycling, canoeing and hiking while camping in cabins for 3 days



Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs emphasizes the value of being involved in positive outdoor recreation activities, while educating children about the negatives of drug use. This program is made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to provide fishing instruction & activities, aquatic exploration and free equipment to participating centers.

- 3,500 youth fished at the Kid's Fest Fishing Pond
- 900 youth participated in two Fish Fest events at Burnet Woods



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